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CONCORD, Jan. 17, 1879.

The twelfth annual meeting of the NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESS ASSOCIATION was held in room No. 5, Phenix Hotel, and was called to order at 11:15 o'clock A.M., by the President, FRANK W. MILLER.

HOWARD F. HILL, Corresponding Secretary, was appointed Recording Secretary *pro tem.*, in the absence of P. B. Cogswell.

The roll-call showed the following members

PRESENT:

FRANK W. MILLER, Portsmouth, President.
JAMES L. CAMPBELL, Manchester, Vice-President.
HOWARD F. HILL, Ashland, Cor. Sec., and Rec. Sec. *pro tem.*
THOMAS W. LANE, Manchester, Treasurer.
GEORGE E. JENKS, Concord, Executive Committee.
JOHN M. HILL, Concord, Auditor.
ALBERT BARKER, Colebrook.
EDSON C. EASTMAN, Concord.
GEORGE A. HANSCOM, Manchester.
JOSIAH B. SANBORN, Concord.
WILLIAM E. STEVENS, Concord.
JAMES D. P. WINGATE, Exeter.

The reading of the records of the eleventh annual meeting was dispensed with, being in print before the Association, on motion of ALBERT BARKER.

The Association resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the subject of membership, annual dues, and other matters connected therewith.

JOHN M. HILL presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That for all persons in arrears of January 1, 1879, the annual assessment be reduced to \$1 for each of those years, and that those members who have paid for the years 1877 and 1878, in excess of \$1 for each year, be credited forward for such excess; and that the annual assessment upon members, until otherwise ordered, be \$1.

The Corresponding Secretary reported, that, under the resolution of the eleventh annual meeting, authorizing the binding of files of the Association Proceedings, and the placing of such volumes in libraries in and out of the state, for purposes of preservation and reference, he had caused twenty copies to be bound in half goat, and had forwarded them by mail, express, &c., to the following places :

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LIBRARY, Concord.
NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Concord.
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE LIBRARY, Hanover, N. H.
PORTSMOUTH ATHENEUM, Portsmouth, N. H.
ATHENIAN CLUB, Boston, Mass.
BOHEMIAN CLUB, San Francisco, Cal.
ASTOR LIBRARY, New York city.
N. Y. HISTORICAL SOCIETY, New York city.
NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL-GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, Boston, Mass.
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Boston, Mass.
BRITISH MUSEUM, London, Eng.
HARVARD UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, Cambridge, Mass.
CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, Chicago, Ill.
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, Washington, D. C.
WADSWORTH ATHENEUM, Hartford, Conn.
RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Providence, R. I.
MAINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Brunswick, Me.
VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Montpelier, Vt.
YALE COLLEGE LIBRARY, New Haven, Conn.
CINCINNATI PUBLIC LIBRARY, Cincinnati, Ohio.

He also reported, that in addition to the above he had forwarded a file to HENRY B. DAWSON, Morrisania, N. Y., for the *Historical Magazine* Library, unbound, as being a desir-

able place of deposit for the Proceedings of the Association. He further reported that he had received letters of acknowledgment for nearly all the same.

On motion of GEORGE E. JENKS, the report on preservation of the publications of the Association was accepted, ordered to be printed for information and reference, and all expense in the connection was ordered to be paid.

The name of GEORGE W. REYNOLDS, of Exeter, was presented by J. D. P. WINGATE for active membership, and favorably reported on in committee of the whole;—and he was admitted.

The name of HENRY ROBINSON, of Concord, was presented for honorary membership by EDSON C. EASTMAN. Referred to committee of the whole, and favorably reported;—and he was admitted.

The resolution concerning dues, membership, &c., was taken from the table, adopted, ordered to be printed in a circular form, and sent to every member in arrears. It was also voted that each member in arrears be notified of the amount due from him, and requested to make a reply to the Treasurer.

Moved, by J. L. CAMPBELL, that the Association proceed to nominate a list of officers for the ensuing year.

In committee of the whole, the following list was reported :

PRESIDENT.

FRANK W. MILLER, Portsmouth.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

JOSEPH T. S. LIBBEY, Dover.

ALBERT BARKER, Colebrook.

HENRY G. CARLETON, Newport.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

PARSONS B. COGSWELL, Concord.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

JAMES D. P. WINGATE, Exeter.

TREASURER.

THOMAS W. LANE, Manchester.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

GEORGE A. HANSCOM, Manchester.

JAMES L. CAMPBELL, Manchester.

EDSON C. EASTMAN, Concord.

AUDITORS.

GEORGE E. JENKS, Concord.

HOWARD F. HILL, Concord.

On balloting, the list as reported was declared elected.

The subject of a full history of the Hillsborough County Press was considered at length, and was referred to the members of the Executive Committee, with instructions to procure it, if it should be among the possible things to be procured.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M. for dinner.

On reassembling, it was voted, on motion of GEORGE E. JENKS, to declare the present list of advertising and printing prices abrogated.

After discussion, the President appointed the following committee to report a new list of prices for advertising and job printing, with liberty to report by circular or otherwise: GEORGE E. JENKS, JOHN B. CLARKE, and GEORGE A. HANSCOM.

Voted, On motion of GEORGE A. HANSCOM, that the Association make an excursion the coming summer.

Voted, On motion of THOMAS W. LANE, that the President and Executive Committee arrange details of the proposed summer excursion, and report by the end of March.

The Treasurer, THOMAS W. LANE, presented his report, as follows :

MANCHESTER, N. H., January 17, 1879.

To the Officers and Members of the New Hampshire Press Association :

I herewith submit to you my annual report as Treasurer of this Association for the year ending January 17, 1879:

1878.

DR, to cash as follows:

January 28. To cash from acc't of last year, as per Auditors' report...\$248.13

1879.

January 17. To dues collected during the year..... 45.00
\$293.13

1879.]

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1878.		CR.	
June	24.	By cash paid F. S. Crawford, for binding.....	\$18.00
July	5.	“ L. H. Carroll, lunch furnished Massachusetts Press Association.....	33.93
		“ D. F. Secomb, by Asa McFarland.....	3.50
1879.			
January	17.	By cash paid Howard F. Hill, expressage, &c.....	8.58
		Balance carried to new account.....	229.12
			<u>\$293.13</u>

THOMAS W. LANE, *Treasurer.*

CONCORD, N. H., January 17, 1879.

Examined and found correct to date.

Signed,

JOHN M. HILL,

For the Auditors.

Adjourned.

New Hampshire Press Association.

CONCORD, Jan. 19, 1880.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESS ASSOCIATION was held in parlor No. 5, Phenix Hotel, at 11 o'clock, the President, FRANK W. MILLER, in the chair. The following members responded to the roll-call :

FRANK W. MILLER, Portsmouth, President.
ALBERT BARKER, Colebrook, Vice-President.
P. B. COGSWELL, Concord, Recording Secretary.
JAMES D. P. WINGATE, Exeter, Corresponding Secretary.
EDSON C. EASTMAN, Concord, Executive Committee.
GEORGE E. JENKS, Concord, Auditor.
JOHN B. CLARKE, Manchester.
JACOB H. GALLINGER, Concord.
JOHN M. HILL, Concord.
GEORGE G. IDE, Claremont.
ORREN C. MOORE, Nashua.
JOSIAH B. SANBORN, Concord.
GEORGE W. FERNALD, Farmington.

In the absence of the Secretary *pro tem.*, HOWARD F. HILL, the records of the last meeting were read by JOHN M. HILL, and approved.

Messrs. WINGATE of Exeter, LANE of Manchester, and BARKER of Colebrook, were appointed a Committee on New Members.

JAMES L. CAMPBELL and GEORGE A. HANSCOM, having removed from the state, by request were transferred from the roll of active members to the roll of honorary members.

The Committee on New Members reported the following, and the several persons named were elected :

EDWARD O. LORD, Great Falls.

FRANK E. STACKPOLE, Newmarket.

J. J. LANE, Candia.

R. W. MUSGROVE, Bristol.

C. H. KIMBALL, Plymouth.

JOHN N. MCCLINTOCK, Concord.

A History of the Press of Hillsborough County, excepting the city of Manchester, prepared by E. D. BOYLSTON, Esq., was presented by THOMAS W. LANE. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. BOYLSTON for the same, and the history ordered to be printed with the Proceedings of the Association.

After remarks by Messrs. THOMAS W. LANE, JOHN M. HILL, J. H. GALLINGER, JOHN B. CLARKE, GEORGE E. JENKS, and GEORGE G. IDE, upon the importance of preserving a complete history of the press of Hillsborough county, and of portions of the state not yet collated, and of verifying dates before publication, to avoid errors which had appeared in former sketches of the press that had been published, the history of the Hillsborough Press was referred to a committee from Hillsborough county to examine, consisting of O. C. MOORE of Nashua, T. W. LANE of Manchester, E. D. BOYLSTON of Amherst, and JOSEPH KIDDER, of Manchester, the necessary expenses of the committee in meeting to be borne by the Association.

Messrs. JOHN B. CLARKE, THOMAS W. LANE, and CHARLES F. LIVINGSTON were appointed a committee to procure a history of the press of Manchester for publication in the proceedings of the Association.

The subject of preserving files of the newspapers of the state in each county and at the State Library was discussed by Messrs. GEORGE E. JENKS of Concord, ALBERT BARKER of Colebrook, and O. C. MOORE of Nashua, and, on motion of Mr. MOORE, referred to a committee to consider and report a plan at the afternoon session. Messrs. O. C. MOORE, JOHN B. CLARKE, and GEORGE E. JENKS were appointed said committee.

On motion of J. H. GALLINGER, a committee of three was

appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year; and Messrs. JOHN M. HILL, ALBERT BARKER, and J. D. P. WINGATE were appointed said committee.

The selection of an orator and a poet for next year was referred to the Committee on Nomination of Officers.

On motion of JOHN M. HILL a committee of three was appointed to prepare and report resolutions on deceased honorary members. Messrs. GEORGE E. JENKS, J. H. GALLINGER, and ALBERT BARKER were appointed said committee.

Remarks were made, upon the subject of the use of the telephone in transmitting news for the press, by JOHN B. CLARKE, Z. M. STONE of the *Lowell Mail*, and O. C. MOORE.

GEORGE E. JENKS, from the Committee on Schedule of Prices for Job Printing and Advertising, appointed last year, reported that it was inexpedient to fix any such schedule at present. Accepted.

The Treasurer, THOMAS W. LANE, presented the following report :

MANCHESTER, N. H., January 18, 1880.

To the Officers and Members of the New Hampshire Press Association :

As Treasurer, allow me to present the following report as to the financial standing of this Association.

I find myself Dr. to cash as follows:

1879.			
January 17.	To cash brought from last year's account.....	\$229.12	
1880.			
January 18.	Dues collected.....	6.00	
1879.			
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January 18.	By cash paid Republican Press Association.....	\$5.35	
	“ “ “	51.00	
July 31.	“ Campbell & Hanscom.....	4.00	
August 5.	“ O. M. Knight.....	11.25	
	“ for postage.....	1.13	
			72.73
Balance in Treasurer's hands carried to new account.....			\$162. 39

THOMAS W. LANE, *Treasurer.*

CONCORD, N. H., January 18, 1880.

I have examined the accounts of Thomas W. Lane, Treasurer, and find them correct.

Signed,

GEORGE E. JENKS,
For the Auditors.

Adjourned at 1 o'clock for dinner, to which the members from abroad were invited as guests by the resident members.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 2 o'clock P. M., when O. C. MOORE, from the Committee on Preservation of Files of Newspapers, reported the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to memorialize the legislature on the subject of preserving in the State Library, or in the rooms of the New Hampshire Historical Society, complete files of the several newspapers published in the state, and also to request the county commissioners of the state to preserve similar files in the several probate offices in each county.

Messrs. JOHN B. CLARKE, O. C. MOORE, and GEORGE E. JENKS were appointed the committee under the resolution.

J. H. GALLINGER, from the Committee on Deceased Honorary Members, reported as follows:

Resolved, That the death of ASA MCFARLAND is an irreparable loss to the press of New Hampshire. For nearly half a century he was connected with the press of Concord; and his labors as an editor did much to elevate the dignity and strengthen the influence of newspapers throughout the entire state. An honest and industrious newspaper manager, a man of rare Christian attainments, and a citizen of irreproachable character and integrity, his memory deserves to be embalmed in the hearts of, and his virtues emulated by, every member of our Association.

Resolved, That in the death of Rev. Dr. NATHANIEL BOUTON this Association has lost a highly respected and valued honorary member, while the state at large suffers the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens, respected alike by all classes, and greatly distinguished for his learning, piety, and attainments as a historian.

Resolved, That JOHN T. GIBBS, of Dover, a veteran printer and publisher, is kindly remembered as a man of integrity in his profession, and of rare honor and prudence in all the affairs of life; and we take pleasure in recording our appreciation of his many virtues and excellences, and in acknowledging our great loss in his decease.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate to each of the families of the several deceased members the appropriate resolution, and that this report be printed in the Proceedings of the Association.

J. H. GALLINGER, }
GEO. E. JENKS, } Committee.
ALBERT BARKER, }

The report was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

The subject of use of the telephone for transmitting press news was referred to the representatives of the daily press present to consider.

JOHN M. HILL, from the Committee on Nomination of Officers, reported the following to serve for the ensuing year; and they were elected.

PRESIDENT.

FRANK W. MILLER, Portsmouth.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

ALBERT BARKER, Colebrook.

JOSIAH B. SANBORN, Concord.

GEORGE W. FERNALD, Farmington.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

P. B. COGSWELL, Concord.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

JAMES D. P. WINGATE, Exeter.

TREASURER.

THOMAS W. LANE, Manchester.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

JOHN B. CLARKE, Manchester.

ORREN C. MOORE, Nashua.

EDSON C. EASTMAN, Concord.

AUDITORS.

GEORGE E. JENKS, Concord.

GEORGE G. IDE, Claremont.

The same committee reported the names of J. H. GALLINGER for orator, and Mrs. ABBA GOOLD WOOLSON for poet, at the next annual meeting.

The subject of a summer excursion was considered in full, suggestions made, and it was voted to have one. On motion of JOHN M. HILL, the subject was referred to the President, Executive Committee, and Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, to report by publishing programme for an excursion as early as May 15.

On motion of JOHN M. HILL, the Treasurer was directed to notify all members in arrears of the amount of their dues.

After a vote of thanks to the resident members for their courtesy in providing dinner, the Association adjourned *sine die*.

P. B. COGSWELL,

Recording Secretary.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Bailey, Edwin C	Concord.
Barker, Albert	Colebrook.
Blanchard, George A	Concord.
Bussell, Charles S	Nashua.
Clarke, John B	Manchester.
Cogswell, Parsons B	Concord.
Carleton, Henry G	Newport.
Cheney, Elias H	Lebanon.
Cheney, Fred. W	Newport.
Dodge, Samuel	Portsmouth.
Eastman, Edson C	Concord.
Fernald, Edwin	Great Falls.
Fernald, George N	Farmington.
Fogg, George G	Concord.
Freeman, Washington	Portsmouth.
Gallinger, Jacob H	Concord.
Hill, Howard F	Concord.
Hill, John M	Concord.
Hanscom, Alpheus A	Portsmouth.
Hackett, William H	Portsmouth.
Ide, George G	Claremont.
Jenks, George E	Concord.
Kimball, Charles H	Plymouth.
Lane, J. J	Candia.
Lane, Thomas W	Manchester.
Livingston, Charles F	Manchester.
Libbey, Joseph T. S	Dover.
Lord, Edward O	Great Falls.
Marseilles, Charles	Exeter.
Morse, Julius N	Keene.
Moore, Orren C	Nashua.
Musgrove, R. W	Bristol.
Nelson, John B	Great Falls.
Parker, Charles H	Wolfeboro'.
Reynolds, George W	Exeter.
Rotch, Albert A	Amherst.
Sanborn, Josiah B	Concord.
Stackpole, Frank E	Newmarket.
Stackpole, Paul A	Dover.
Stevens, William E	Concord.
Varney, John R	Dover.
Wallace, William A	East Canaan.
Wheeler, Harry R	Nashua.
Wheeler, George B	Franklin.
Whitecomb, Parmenas H	Hanover.
Whittemore, Bernard B	Nashua.
Whittemore, Francis P	Nashua.
Wingate, James D. P	Exeter.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Adams, Isaac.....	Sandwich.
Atherton, Henry B.....	Nashua.
Bell, Charles H.....	Exeter.
Boylston, Edward D.....	Amherst.
Bufford, Marcellus.....	Portsmouth.
Burke, Edmund.....	New, ort.
Campbell, James L.....	Lowell, Mass.
Campbell, James M.....	Manchester.
Coffin, Charles C.....	Boston, Mass.
Danforth, Charles P.....	Nashua.
Dodge, Jacob R.....	Washington, D. C.
Eames, Jane A.....	Concord.
Ela, Jacob H.....	Rochester.
Goddard, Nicholas W.....	Claremont.
Goodale, John H.....	Nashua.
Gould, Sylvester C.....	Manchester.
Hall, Samuel.....	Exeter.
Hanscom, George A.....	Lowell, Mass.
Harvey, Matthew.....	Newport.
Howard, Alfred F.....	Portsmouth.
Ide, Simeon.....	Claremont.
Jenness, Job.....	Rye.
Kent, J. Horace.....	Portsmouth.
Kidder, Joseph.....	Manchester.
Kimball, Horatio.....	Keene.
Knox, Thomas W.....	New York city, N. Y.
Laighton, Albert.....	Portsmouth.
Langley, Clark M.....	Lowell, Mass.
Lasier, Thomas J.....	Claremont.
Lee, Charles A.....	Pawtucket, R. I.
Marden, George A.....	Lowell, Mass.
Marston, George W.....	New York city, N. Y.
Miller, John H.....	Portsmouth.
Moore, John W.....	Manchester.
Murray, Orlando D.....	Nashua.
Osgood, True.....	Concord.
Page, William H.....	Norwich, Conn.
Pecker, Jonathan E.....	Concord.
Pender, John.....	Portsmouth.
Philbrook, Harvey A.....	Halifax, N. S.
Quint, Alonzo H.....	Dover.
Robinson, Henry.....	Concord.
Sanborn, Edwin D.....	Hanover.
Shillaber, Ben. P.....	Chelsea, Mass.
Spalding, George B.....	Dover.
Smart, William B.....	Boston, Mass.
Smith, Joseph H.....	Lowell, Mass.
Taylor, Joel.....	Manchester.
Wadleigh, George.....	Dover.
Woolson, Abba Gould.....	Concord.
Yerrington, James M. W.....	Boston, Mass.

THE PRESS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

BY EDWARD D. BOYLSTON.

If the records of those who have already contributed to the History of the New Hampshire Press are truthful, Hillsborough was the fifth of the counties of the state, in the order of time, to share in the luxury of the printing-press. That it has had its full proportion of successes in its newspaper and periodical ventures, this sketch will demonstrate, and for failures fully establish its title to be considered the banner county. The total number of papers and periodicals that have had inception in the county is about 230, some 200 of which have been located in Manchester. All but a score or less of these are already things of the past, existing only on the dusty shelves of preservative associations, or here and there a volume or copy in the guardianship of some devoted antiquarian.

In sketching the history of the Hillsborough County Press (excepting that of Manchester), it will be taken up in the order of the advent of the press in the different localities.

AMHERST.

The press is always the exponent of and prompt attendant upon life and business, and ever their truthful index. Its advent in Hillsborough county points to the wonderful changes which have taken place in its localities, to which it may be well here to allude, that those unborn, who may read this record, may be able to comprehend why the little quiet "village of the plain," now under the shadowing of flourishing cities, should have had the honor of the first printing-press and its issues. At the introduction of the press to Hillsborough county. Amherst, with a population of more than 2,500, was the most important place of business on the great thoroughfare from Windsor, Vt., to Boston, having all the courts and public offices of the old county, while the localities of Nashua and Manchester were only famed, the one for its grist- and saw-mill, the other for its sand-banks and lamp-eels. The father of the writer, holding a note of five hundred dollars against the owner of that mill, was offered the splendid water-power it controlled to cancel the note, but, not forecasting its value, declined the offer, and learned, too late, that

"The mill will never grind
With the water that is past."

Eight years subsequent to the first issue of the press in Amherst, we learn, from the "Cabinet," that a post-office had been established at Dunstable (now Nashua).

Four weeklies, one monthly, and one annual have had inception at Amherst, which have "finished their course."

"The Amherst Journal and New Hampshire Advertiser" was commenced January 16, 1795, by Nathaniel Coverly, who, after a few months, took as partner his son Nathaniel. It was printed on a sheet 22½ by 17½ inches, with type badly worn, four columns to the page, at first without column rules, but subsequently with those that were coarse and heavy. The heading, motto, date, etc., occupied seven lines, with five rules,

the title being in Great Primer capitals. Upon the left of the title was a rude cut of the national coat of arms, of which a wag once said,—

“No doubt the royal bird could soar,
For like a balloon it looks much more!”

Upon the right was a similar cut of the state coat of arms, in which the rays of the sun more resembled the arms of some huge water-wheel. Its motto was, “*The public will our guide: the public good our aim.*” Motto with heading inside, “*Reason and Truth impartial guide the way.*” The leading articles and advertisements were graced with heavy initial letters, and the first word always in capitals. It was made up almost wholly of foreign matter, with price-current of principal articles of consumption, by the quantity, in Boston. Some of the headings were surrounded by fanciful borders, and were even more fanciful themselves, as “Parnassian Blossoms,” and the like. At the bottom of the fourth page, running fully across, separated by a sprig-border type, was the imprint repeated, as large as the heading. The terms were “One dollar and fifty cents, exclusive of postage.” February 20, the publisher presented “his grateful acknowledgments to those subscribers whose liberality induced them to advance one quarter’s payment,” and desired “others to do the same, to enable him to give satisfaction to his readers and the public generally.” The “Journal” closed its existence at the completion of its first volume, January 9, 1796, and was succeeded the same day by

“The Village Messenger,” under the editorial conduct and proprietorship of William Biglow and Samuel Cushing. The “Messenger” was a decided improvement upon the “Journal,” both in its typography and editorship. The rude cuts disappeared; the motto was changed to “*Whatsoever things are true—whatsoever things are pure;*” “Parnassian Blossoms” to simple “Poetry;” and the paper appeared in new type. A peculiarity was, the setting of the deaths and marriages in italics, with names in small capitals, capitalized. The paper was largely devoted to politics, with “Agriculture,” “Religion,” “Original and Selected Miscellany,” and “Entertainment,” as the headings of its leading departments; and the manner in which they were sustained was highly creditable to its day. Mr. Biglow dissolved his connection with the “Messenger” in July of that year, and removed to Boston, where he acquired much distinction as a writer and author. Mr. Cushing continued its publication until April 18, 1797, when it was purchased by Samuel Preston, and was by him published until Dec. 5, 1801, when it passed to that bourne whence no journal returns, and Mr. Preston “went West.”

“The Farmers’ Cabinet” succeeded the “Messenger,” Nov. 11, 1802,—an interval of eleven months,—and has been continued to the present time without a single week’s omission,—once appearing in half-sheet, from the “inevitable pi,”—having had but three publishers and four editors, and having been seventy-one years in the family of its present publisher. It was established by Joseph Cushing, and continued by him, as editor and proprietor, until Oct. 17, 1809, when, in consequence of his individual liability to the defunct and rotten Hillsborough Bank, he became involved, and suddenly removed to Baltimore, Md., where he was eminently successful as a publisher, and largely honored in public and private life. A few months previous to this, Richard Boylston, a young man, compeer of Samuel T. Armstrong and Joseph T. Buckingham, a graduate of the “Columbian Centinel” office, Boston, under seven years’ tuition of Major Ben Russell (with four years’ previous training in the office of the “Federal Spy,” at Springfield, Mass., his native place), seeing Mr. Cushing’s advertisement for a journeyman (to supply the place of Isaac Hill, who was about to graduate from his office, after a similar term of seven years’ service), and being “out of a job,” essayed to secure the place. Without funds to make the journey, he applied to a rich distant relative, exhibiting Major Russell’s diploma, to receive warm congratulations instead of the needed material aid. Bound to succeed, he commenced and pursued the long journey on foot, on the way falling in with a teamster from Vermont, who weekly passed the office, from whom he obtained the loan of five dollars. With this in his pocket, May 12, 1809, he entered the “Cabinet” office. Exhibiting his diploma,

he was engaged, and assigned a stand beside the embryo governor. Scarcely had he become initiated into the affairs of the office ere the publisher had to succumb to his entanglements; and on a bright morning in October, 1809, Richard Boylston awoke to find himself sole editor and proprietor of the "Farmers' Cabinet," with an extensive bookstore attached. With the five dollars before mentioned, he placed a small sign over his office entrance, which is still preserved in the office as a memorial of his enterprise and industry. In his salutatory he announced his determination "to court the patronage of the candid, the judicious, and the enlightened, by making every exertion within the compass of his ability to diffuse correct information, and widely to disseminate the seeds of religion and morality, the indispensable supports of society and government." How well he succeeded in carrying out this determination, is it not recorded in forty-seven succeeding volumes of the "Farmers' Cabinet," and in the memory of its older readers? January 1, 1840, Edward D. Boylston (who, some years previous, had completed an apprenticeship in the office) became associate editor, continuing until his removal to Manchester, in April, 1843. In August, 1848, the infirmities of age rendering needful to the venerable typo relief from the laborious life he had so long unremittingly pursued, the son returned (from Great Falls), and again became associate editor. January 1, 1851, the junior editor became sole proprietor, by purchase, the father continuing as associate editor until 1856,—making forty years the senior had been sole proprietor, and forty-seven years editor, of the "Cabinet." The present publisher has been sole proprietor thirty-one years, and its editor thirty-four years. January, 1869, Albert Atwood Rotch, of Mont Vernon, son-in-law of the publisher (who served an apprenticeship in the office), became associate editor, and still continues as such, having mainly the conduct of the paper and office, and having been connected therewith continuously for twenty-four years.

"The Hillsborough Telegraph," a well executed and well conducted weekly newspaper, was commenced by Elijah Mansur, Jan. 1, 1820, and discontinued July 13, 1822.

One of the fruits of this office was the connection of the late Hugh Moore, Jr., with the press,—one of the brightest gems that has adorned its ranks in this county. Mr. Moore rose rapidly in the editorial profession, editing successively, with much ability, the "Vermont Patriot," "Burlington (Vt.) Sentinel," and "Plattsburg (Vt.) Republican." He was self-educated, and of a brilliant mind. His poetical productions possess much beauty; and those who have read his "Old Winter is coming, alack! alack!" or its companion ode, "Spring," cannot but regret that a life so brilliant in its opening should have so early closed. He deceased at Amherst, Feb. 18, 1837, at a time when he was about to enter upon a station of increased honor and responsibility at Boston, where a brilliant future seemed before him.

"The Amherst Herald," published by Thomas G. and Nathan K. Seaton, was commenced January, 1825, and discontinued at the close of that year, the material and list being transferred to the "New Hampshire Statesman and Concord Register." It was the offspring of a local religious controversy, which it did not outlive. It advocated Unitarian views. It was while connected with this office that the late George Wilkins Kendall, of "Picayune" fame, found, in his idling in a village store, the material for his popular "Melting Story,"—which was no fiction,—all of which he saw, and part of which he was." A book-biudery was connected with the office, which for some time outlived it.

"The Piscataqua Evangelical Magazine," a valuable religious bi-monthly, 40 pp. octavo, commenced at Portsmouth, Jan. 1, 1805, under the auspices of the Piscataqua Missionary Society, and mainly conducted by the "pastor at Hampton," the late President Appleton, was removed to Amherst, Jan. 1, 1806, and its publication continued by Joseph Cushing till March, 1808. It was suspended at that date, being No. 2 of Vol. 4.

"Curtis' Pocket Almanack" (the size and form of the later registers) was published at Amherst, by Dr. Samuel Curtis, a gentleman of much genius, and of versatile talent, from 1804 to 1809 inclusive. These volumes have become rare, and are in demand.

The early offices at Amherst did considerable book and pamphlet work, publishing

books by subscription. Among those thus published, by Coverly & Son, were "Flavel's Saint Indeed" (1795); "The Narrative of Mrs. Mary Rowlandson" (1796). By Biglow & Cushing—"The French Convert;" "Philip Doddridge's Four Sermons on the Religious Education of Children" (1796); "Mathematical Question propounded by the Vicegerent of the World; answered by the King of Glory; enigmatically represented and demonstratively opened, by John Johnson, late of Liverpool, England;" "Morse's Geography;" "A Vision of Hell;" "A Song Book;" "Narrative of the Captivity and Sufferings of Mr. Ebenezer Fletcher, of New Ipswich, written by himself;" "Bunyan's Jerusalem Sinner Saved;" "The Cannibal's Progress;" "Principles of Religion and Morality, by Charles Stearns, A. B.;" "A Surprising Narrative;" "History of the Seven Famous Champions of Christendom;" "The Heroic Adventures of St. George's Three Sons;" "Orations and Eulogies on Washington;" "The Christian Manual, by Hezekiah Packards," etc.

As an item of interest connected with the Amherst press, it may be here noted that the three-story brick block on Amherst Common was erected, in 1809, by Mr. Joseph Cushing, to accommodate his increasing business, and, subsequent to his failure, being unfinished, took the name of "Cushing's Folly."

NEW IPSWICH.

Early in the year 1815, Simeon Ide, then in his twenty-first year, having served an apprenticeship with Farnsworth & Churchill, publishers of the "Vermont Republican," at Windsor, procured of Monroe & Francis, of Boston, a small two-pull Ramage press, a font of second-hand Bourgeois type, weighing 355 pounds, badly worn, and other material necessary for printing an edition of the New Testament. This he placed in a blacksmith-shop on his father's farm, situated "over the hills" in the south-west corner of New Ipswich, about four miles from the centre village, and three miles easterly from the village of Rindge. Having procured paper from the mill of Samuel Smith, Esq., of Peterborough, with the assistance of a sister not yet twelve years of age he completed an edition of 5,000 copies of the New Testament, in duodecimo form, 375 pages, in about five months,—he doing the press-work at "half-press," while his sister did nearly all the case work. This is believed to be the first edition of the New Testament published in the state. In order that this his first publication might be as free as possible of errors, he engaged the Rev. Dr. Payson, of Rindge, to read the proof-sheets, and walked to the doctor's house, a distance of three miles, twice a week to read proofs with him. To give greater currency to the edition, he prevailed upon Dr. Payson to allow him to insert upon the title-page, "Revised and corrected by Rev. S. Payson, D. D." Some of the doctor's friends getting the impression that he had been attempting a new translation, he was not a little troubled; but Mr. Ide came to his relief by placing over the obnoxious line a printed slip, on which were the words "First New Ipswich Edition." One thousand copies, in full binding, were sold to the New Hampshire Bible Society for \$280,—much below the cost,—in order to raise the money for his supply of paper. The remainder of the edition was retailed at fifty cents a copy. Mr. Ide also printed several sermons, pamphlets, and small books for the young, during the term of about one year he remained with his father at the homestead. Among the latter were "Franklin's Way to Wealth," "Prompter," "Sketches of Franklin's Life and Character" (written by Mr. Ide while an apprentice), "The Grave," by Robert Blair, "Gray's Elegy," etc.

About the same time Solomon Wilder removed to New Ipswich from Leominster, Mass., with a printing apparatus of the rudest sort, even for those days. He did jobs in the way of posters for vendues, farm sales, probate notices, &c. He also printed toy books, with cuts of a very questionable style of art, and an occasional pamphlet; but beyond this he did not aspire. He did most of the printing demanded by the locality for many years.

"The New Ipswich Register" was published by Mark Miller in 1833, and had but a short life.

"The News-Gatherer" was published by King & Hewes in 1836.

"The New Ipswich Times," a small sheet, is now published quarterly by Emery & Allen.

George D. Burton commenced printing in New Ipswich in 1811. With a press 7 by 9 inches, and a small stock of type, mostly purchased on credit, he opened in a small room opposite the hotel. His principal work was address and business cards, procured by advertising from abroad. Being successful in this, and having paid off his indebtedness, in 1812 he purchased more type and a plough paper-cutter. In 1814 he commenced the publication of the "New England Star," an 8-page, 32-column amateur paper, published monthly at 50 cents a year, printed at the office of the "Cheshire Republican" at Keene. At first 1,000 copies were issued, and the circulation continued to increase monthly. The advertisements so called in work, that in the spring of 1815 an 8-inch Gordon press was purchased; and more spacious quarters were found for the business in the two-and-a-half-story block opposite Thayer's cigar factory. Soon after a Hoe press, with platen 26 by 38, was added, and a large outfit of wood and metal type. In the fall of 1815 Mr. Burton received from the post-master a certificate that he furnished and received more mail matter each day than all the other inhabitants combined. That the "Star" had some shining qualities is evident from the fact that in the spring of 1816 it had attained a circulation of between 5,000 and 6,000. In that year it was sold to William M. Pemberton, of Ansonia, Conn. In the spring of 1817, such was the run of job-work from abroad that another press was demanded and procured; also a 32-inch Sanborn power paper-cutter and a 4-horse-power engine. New shafting was put in, and the business run by steam. Many large business houses in Boston and other large places procured their printing at this office. A machine-shop was also annexed, in the rear of the building, for the manufacture of small novelties. Everything continued prosperous till the fall of 1817, when, on a calm, clear November evening, the office having been run to a late hour to meet the crowd of work, the owner and his co-laborers were summoned from their incipient slumbers to see the whole establishment vanish as in an hour by the insatiable fire-fiend. The amount of loss can be judged from the foregoing sketch, and the fact that seven hands were constantly employed in this office.

NASHUA.

It was not till a score of years subsequent to the opening of the present century that the location of this now flourishing city assumed much business importance, and a score and seven before it attracted to itself a member of the editorial profession. Its press has been marked with unusual permanence, from its unusual ability, having had fewer failures than any other place of its population in the state.

"The Nashua Constellation" was the brilliant title (too brilliant to last) of the first paper issued in the town of Dunstable (now Nashua). It was established December 16, 1826, by Messrs. Brown & Crossman. Three weeks after, Mr. Crossman sold his interest to W. A. Brown, his partner, who changed the name to "The Constellation and Nashua Gazette." June 19, 1827, Mr. Brown disposed of the establishment to William Wiggin, of Stratham (who had just completed an apprenticeship at the "Farmers' Cabinet" office), with whom Andrew E. Thayer, a gentleman of education and culture, became associated as partner, July 21, 1827. August 13, 1827, the name was changed to "Nashua Gazette and Hillsborough County Advertiser," which it still retains. July 21, 1831, Mr. Wiggin retired; and Mr. Thayer continued editor and proprietor until Feb. 24, 1832, when Israel Hunt, Jr., superseded him, and continued until Feb. 16, 1838, when he sold to Messrs. Morrill & Dinsmoor. April 12, 1839, Paul Morrill purchased the interest of his partner, and sold the entire concern to Charles P. Danforth, who continued as editor and proprietor until Aug. 28, 1845, when it passed into the hands of Wm. H. Hewes, who sold the same, April 23, 1846, to Wm. Butterfield, and he, Nov. 25, 1846, to Messrs. B. B. & F. P. Whittemore, the present proprietors. The paper was enlarged to its present size by Mr. Danforth, Feb. 18, 1842. The "Gazette" has always ranked among the leading Democratic journals of the state.

"The Daily Gazette" was established Sept. 5, 1872, by the Messrs. Whittemore, and is a spicy, well made-up sheet.

"The Nashua Herald," published by Mr. John F. Trow, was the second paper established in Nashua. In April, 1832, Mr. Trow, then a young man, having learned the printers' trade at Andover, Mass., removed to Nashua, carrying his printing effects with him in a wagon, which was ample for the purpose. He located his office in the attic of a building opposite the present city hall, and there commenced the publication of the "Herald." It was edited by Dr. Simeon I. Bard, a gentleman of much literary ability. The paper was well executed, but did not secure sufficient foothold to be remunerative. After a few months it was discontinued, the office sold, and Mr. Trow removed to New York city, where he became more successful, and to-day is the veteran head of one of the most prominent and enterprising publishing houses of that city,—Trow's Printing and Book-Binding Company. The file of this paper was donated by Mr. Trow to the New York Historical Society.

"The New Hampshire Telegraph" was established by Alfred Beard, a native of Nelson, Oct. 20, 1832 (Mr. Beard having purchased the office of the "Herald"). In 1836 Albin Beard, twin brother of Alfred, bought in, and continued partner until his brother's decease, April 18, 1839, when he became sole proprietor and editor, and continued such until his death, Sept. 16, 1862, when the "Telegraph" passed into the possession of his son Alfred, and was under the editorial supervision of Henry B. Atherton until April 16, 1864, when he was succeeded by Orren C. Moore, the present editor. In March, 1865, the establishment was purchased by Messrs. White & Berry. Mr. White soon sold to Cornelius V. Dearborn; and the paper was continued under the firm name of Dearborn & Berry, publishers, C. V. Dearborn, editor. In November, 1867, Mr. O. C. Moore purchased Mr. Dearborn's interest therein, and again became its editor. Feb. 1, 1869, R. W. Berry sold his interest to Clark M. Langley, a practical and finished printer from Lowell, who continued in the firm until April 1, 1878, when he disposed of his interest therein to his partner, and returned to Lowell.

This office has had the usual experience of the larger offices,—purification by fire. In 1871, to meet the increasing business of the establishment, Mr. Moore erected the "Telegraph Block," at a cost of some \$32,000, which is a monument to his taste and enterprise, affording one of the best printing-offices in the state, with a first-class book-bindingry attached. In 1870 and 1872 Mr. Moore was elected State Printer, holding the office these years, and handsomely executed his trust. The "Telegraph" has always sustained a high reputation as a leading Republican journal of the state, the Brothers Beard ranking among the most genial writers that have here graced the profession, and Mr. Moore wielding a sharp and vigorous pen.

"The Daily Telegraph" was started by Messrs. Moore & Langley, March 1, 1869, and is one of the best conducted and most liberally patronized dailies in the state.

"The Nashua and Nashville Oasis," a weekly journal having for its motto "*The Home Circle: the brightest oasis in life's pathway*," was commenced January, 1842, by O. D. Murray and Augustus I. Sawtell. January, 1843, Mr. Sawtell sold to Mr. H. Kimball. Messrs. Murray & Kimball continued the publication till Oct. 24, 1849, when Jacob R. Dodge, a graduate of the "Farmers' Cabinet" office, purchased Mr. Murray's interest. January 22, 1851, H. S. Noyes purchased Mr. Kimball's interest, and, Jan. 1, 1855, Mr. Dodge's interest, continuing its publication until Oct. 6, 1858, when he removed the office to Bridgeton, Maine, where it became the basis of the "Bridgeton Reporter," closing at Nashua with No. 40, Vol. 16. The "Oasis" was a lively, genial sheet, and always a decided favorite. But some of its publishers have found a brighter "oasis" in life's pathway than the printing-office, Mr. Murray having accumulated much wealth in the card business, and Mr. Dodge high honor at home and abroad as the statistical secretary of the Agricultural Department at Washington. Mr. Noyes is still living at Nashua, the oldest printer in the county.

"The Nashua Free Democrat," a campaign paper, was published in 1853 by J. M. Fletcher.

"The Granite State Register" was commenced May 1, 1857, by Messrs. Barrett &

Gray, and discontinued in 1859. It was devoted to Democratic Jeffersonian Republicanism.

The Jobbing Department of Nashua has a distinct history. On the 11th of April, 1859, the office of the "Granite State Register" was purchased at auction by John Garfield, and became the first independent job office in Nashua. October, 1863, H. R. Wheeler and John M. Jaquith purchased the office of Mr. Garfield. In September, 1864, Mr. Wheeler purchased the interest of his deceased partner, and has remained sole partner to the present time, doing excellent work and a successful business.

In October, 1864, S. H. Noyes (formerly of the "Oasis"), in company with N. P. Greene, established a job office. February, 1871, Mr. Noyes purchased his partner's interest, and in April, 1873, sold to M. V. B. Greene, who still continues the office in connection with his bookstore.

In the fall of 1869, R. W. Berry (formerly of the "Telegraph") opened a job office. Mr. Berry having deceased, the office was scattered by auction sale in the fall of that year.

In the fall of 1871, an office known as the "Globe Office" was moved from Lowell to Nashua by G. C. Scott. In September, 1873, Mr. Scott sold to Wm. H. Brock; and in October, 1874, the office was scattered by auction sale.

In September, 1872, an office was started by Charles E. Clement, which is still in operation, doing excellent work of the smaller class only.

PETERBOROUGH.

"The Hillsborough Republican and New Hampshire Clarion" was the ringing title of the first newspaper issued in Peterborough, William P. and John S. Dunbar, publishers, Rev. Elijah Dunbar, editor. It closed its career April 29, 1831, with the ninth number of its second volume.

"The Peterborough Messenger," a small sheet, was issued by Samuel P. Brown in the summer of 1847, surviving about ten months.

"The Contoocook Transcript" commenced its existence in May, 1849, John R. Miller and Kendall C. Scott, publishers, with about 400 subscribers. It has been continued uninterruptedly to the present time, the early publishers changing the name to that of the "Peterborough Transcript," by which it is now known. During the first two years of its publication, for a portion of the time it was edited by Hon. Albert S. Scott; and the publishers were also indebted to the students of Harvard college for many valuable contributions. At the expiration of two years, with a largely increased list, it passed into the hands of K. C. Scott. Elias Cheney was the next proprietor, who, in a short time, sold to Charles Scott. Soon after it was again purchased by K. C. Scott, who, in 1866, disposed of it to the present enterprising proprietors, Messrs. Farnum & Scott, by whom it has been twice enlarged. It is now printed on a large-size Cottrell & Babcock cylinder press, run by water-power; has a circulation of over 1,200, and is a model local sheet.

MILFORD.

"The Milford Weekly Mirror" was the first newspaper venture in that locality. It was first issued Sept. 17, 1847, by Woodbury Bradford, as a family paper, neutral in politics, devoted to almost everything good, and as independent as it was devoted. In August, 1848, a Free-Soil league was formed in Milford, and the "Mirror" espoused that cause, changing its name to the "Souhegan Standard," with the motto "*Liberty—Equality—Fraternity.*" But it was short-lived.

"The Milford Republican," devoted to "the moral, intellectual, and political elevation of man," was commenced Jan. 7, 1857, by Dr. Benjamin Colby, who, six months after, sold to Mr. John Garfield, the proprietor of the job office started by him Dec. 1, 1853. September 6, 1858, Francis N. Bontwell was admitted as partner, and in January, 1859, became sole proprietor, Mr. Garfield having purchased the office of the "Granite

State Register" at Nashua. Mr. Boutwell continued its publication until the fall of 1863, when the paper was discontinued. The office reverted to Mr. Garfield, and was in part purchased by James Blanchard, who continued it as a job office.

January 1, 1863, Mr. Boutwell started a small daily sheet, the "Milford Daily Republican," which lived thirty days.

"The North-Side Union," printed at Milford, but hailing from New Ipswich, Mason, Temple, Brookline, Sharon, and two or three border towns in Massachusetts, appeared Sept. 1, 1857, of which the "Cabinet" said, "Further than this, 'no one can tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth.'" It was a thing of a day.

"The Milford Enterprise and Wilton Journal," established Dec. 30, 1873, by George E. Foster, a native of Milford, is still published by him, with prospect of permanency. It was for some time printed at Concord, but is now issued from the job office of W. W. Hemenway.

HILLSBOROUGH.

"The Weekly News" was issued at Hillsborough Bridge in the Fall of 1859 by John K. Flanders, of Fisherville, as editor and proprietor, assisted financially by J. H. T. Newell. On the 24th of January following the property was sold at auction, and came into the possession of Mr. Newell, who continued the office as a job office only until the following March, when he sold the same to Frederick Lawrence and Warren G. Hager, both young men from Concord. Four and a half months witnessed their failure, and the reversion of the property to Mr. Newell. August 20, 1860, Mr. Hager became proprietor, by purchase, and issued the "News" until May, 1861, when, by failure, the property again reverted to Mr. Newell, and was continued as a job office. In the spring of 1862, the late Joe H. Potter, son of the late Judge Chandler E. Potter, bought the concern, and made it successful as a job office. In the fall of 1871 Mr. Potter sold to W. H. Sargent.

"The Hillsborough Messenger" was commenced in December, 1867, by William H. Sargent, who continued its publication until June, 1875, when it passed into the hands of James P. Chase & Co. The senior of the firm was Dr. I. P. Chase, who in early life had been a practical printer, and whose advice was of great advantage to his son, the junior partner. In their hands the paper prospered, and betokened success, which was clouded by the sudden decease of the junior partner, who was a great favorite with the community. Dr. Chase continued the paper, aided by Prof. Harry L. Brickett, until Feb. 1, 1877, when, by sale, it passed into the hands of Edwin C. Holton and Edward J. Thompson. Mr. Holton assumed the editorship (aided, also, by Prof. Brickett), and Mr. Thompson, a practical printer, the direction of the office. In July, 1879, Mr. Thompson retired, and Messrs. Holton & Ferry assumed the conduct of the paper, which is now published by Harrison C. Ferry. The outside is a "patent," and the inside handsomely executed. The paper seems to have attained a basis of permanence, and is creditable to its publisher and locality.

"The Hillsborough Democrat," a small campaign sheet, was issued in 1872, sustaining, but not brilliantly, the Greeley flag.

GREENVILLE.

"The Greenville Advertiser," a large and well executed 8-page sheet, was established March 3, 1879, by Wm. M. Sargent (formerly of the "Hillsborough Messenger," now publisher of the "Sentinel," Ayer, Mass.). It is a "patent" inside; outside printed at the "Sentinel" office. The paper is edited by Dr. C. E. Hall, of Greenville, and is mailed from that place. It is "the organ of no party or sect," and is liberally supported by the citizens of Greenville and the adjoining towns.

ANTRIM.

"The Antrim News" was started early in 1875, as a bi-weekly, by Edward J. Thompson, but fell through before the close of the year.

A job office was run by Almus Fairfield for several years, ending in 1875 at North Branch. A job office is now carried on at the Centre by Edward J. Thompson.

Several of the towns have had annual or occasional sheets, printed abroad, in the interests of local societies.

Deering has had "The Advocate;" published a single number in successive years in the interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Goffstown has had "The Enterprise," published annually, in the interests of the inhabitants, Jan. 1, 1870, 1871, and 1872, by Henry E. Blaisdell; "The Herald," Mrs. H. L. Harvey, editress; and "The Union," Mrs. G. D. Davis, editress, in the interests of the Methodist society; and has an amateur sheet, recently commenced—"The Advertiser"—by Frank E. Paige, "for the people's benefit and his profit."

Hudson has had "The Monitor," published annually in the interests of the Baptist society. Miss L. M. Marsh was editress for nine years. It is a handsome and well-filled sheet, which has done the town excellent service in preserving local records.

Francestown has "The Students' Journal," a neatly executed and well conducted 8-page sheet, bi-monthly, published by the students of the academy, in its interest, and printed at the "Messenger" office, Hillsborough; commenced July, 1879.

Weare has had "The Halestown Banner," 1865, by J. G. Davis; "The Gazette," 1871, by the Universalist Sabbath-school.

North Weare has had "The Journal of Improvement," 1865, by the Riverside Academy.



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